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and when I say "we all" I mean — HCRP, WSP, DWP, SRP, April. Unanimous approval, and I must say that the bread is outstanding. The Pillsbury "bread flour" makes all the difference in the world. I brought about 1/2 of everything I baked back here with me; I gave DWP a ficelle & 2 demi-ficelles; I gave HCRP & WSP each a ficelle; HCRP was eating here even before I took my leave of the Golf Course.

Returned to the quiet of Surgrehan County & re-grouped. Before leaving the Golf Course, DWP took two black & white photographs of Alice Williams' painting of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. DWP used my camera, as he did not have any black & white film & wanted to photograph the painting before next Friday, when we will again visit Alice & Norman & return the painting. The photograph will appear on the "historical program" insert at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on 08-18-1985.

11:11 PM — a wonderful drenching rain is now falling & has been falling for about 15 minutes; a little thunder & lightning but not very menacing. This rain will be so good for my various gardens — all of which need water badly. This is the best rain we have had in several weeks. I'm sure the ground is ^{now} quite wet to a depth of several inches.

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I have been having a grand time fussing with my gourds of late. They are growing by the proverbial leaps and bounds & require new & additional support stakes & poles to climb on. The vine is clearly nine feet tall at present; many others are well on their way to that height. I counted 9 additional ashy white / chalk white blossoms coming. Some of the gourds have leaves that are easily 8" x 12" in size. Most amazing. About ten sunflowers are in blossom also — hopefully they will not be eaten / molested / mutilated by the deer and woodchuck. The gourds are apparently very repellent to the indigenous rodents & other & fated pests (e.g., the whitetailed deer) — no gourd damage has been done, as far as I can determine. In the event that there is gourd damage, I think I will go out immediately and purchase a rifle and correct the problem.

400 small seedlings of

basil & sweet pea (a recent planting in the Dundoff bed — on the former radish site) are doing very well. The summer pea should be ready in about a week; another California poppy will blossom tomorrow. The DWP lily bed is a blaze of color (orange, red, yellow, primarily). Several small pumpkins are now visible on the vine as well.